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Mayor's Rep Sets Weekly Hill Sessions

By Michael Mattis

Potrero Hill residents who have a message for the Mayor's office now need to go no further than their own neighborhood — every Wednesday between 4-6 p.m.

As the first step in a new weekly program of neighborhood sessions sponsored by the Mayor's office, David Serrano-Sewell, special assistant to Mayor Willie Brown, will be at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St., every Wednesday afternoon to hear resident concerns and field citizen complaints. All Hill residents are welcome to come to the sessions.

His first session took place May 1, at which he heard from workers at the San Francisco Housing Authority Paint Shop, who say management is breaking the seniority clause in the agreement between the agency and labor. The workers say the pact guarantees advancement to senior employees, but that recently, junior employees have been advanced over those with more seniority, and longterm workers must interview for promotions.

Sewell, when asked if the recent federal takeover of the Housing Authority was behind the change in procedure, said he didn't know, but promised to look into the matter. "The Mayor has a much more direct line to the Housing Authority than the last administration," said Sewell. "The Mayor's office asked HUD to step in, in the first place. If there's something wrong, we want to know about it."

HILL HONOREES



At the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House event April 20 honoring local activists and businesspeople, are (l-r) Marylouise Lovett, Sheriff Mike Hennessey, Joe and Robin Talmadge, Danny Kraus, Enola D. Maxwell, Peter Firth and Bob Hayes. See story on Page 6.
Ruth Possen photo

Personalized Attention for Hundreds of Patients

Will Health Department Consolidation Squeeze Hill Clinic?

By Lysa Allman

When most people imagine a health clinic, they envision a chaotic, noisy, take-a-number deli-style site, overflowing with the sick and injured. And the usually limited number of staff members must inevitably cause a lack of personalized attention.

But the Caleb G. Clark Potrero Hill Health Center, 1050 Wisconsin Street at Coral Road is quite the opposite — and more. And now the Center's services may be threatened by new city Health Dept. consolidation proposals.

Serving Potrero Hill and the surrounding communities, the Health Center has provided primary health care and specialized programs for the past 27 years. Founded by now deceased Physician and Hill resident Dr. Caleb Clark and other community members, the center continues to offer a wide range of services: A complete family planning program including prenatal, pregnancy and

pediatric care, nutrition education; a full-time social worker handling case management in addition to social and personal care, and housing, dental services; and HIV education, testing and treatment through hospitalization (if necessary).

Health Educator Michael Radetsky has been with the center for the past four years. "We do everything here except deliver babies. Our doctors deliver at San Francisco General," he says. "We see people from newborns up to 99 years old." One of the special things offered at this clinic, but not at all city clinics, is the option to see your own doctor on an ongoing basis.

Formerly a Health Educator in Contra Costa County, Radetsky was hired by the San Francisco Department of Public Health to develop and run citywide injury and violence prevention programs. To this end, and contrary to popular belief, the Health Department not only administers medical care, but also other programs such as outreach, prevention,

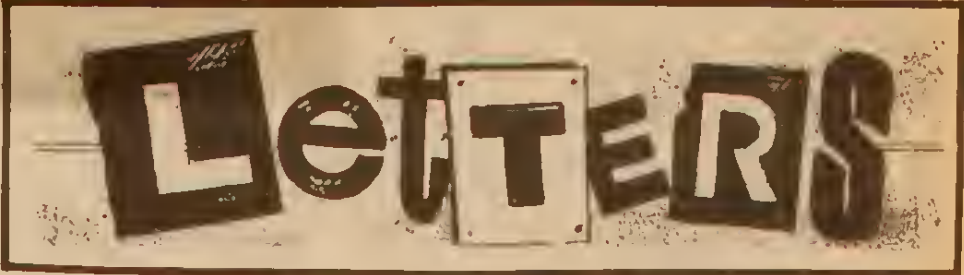
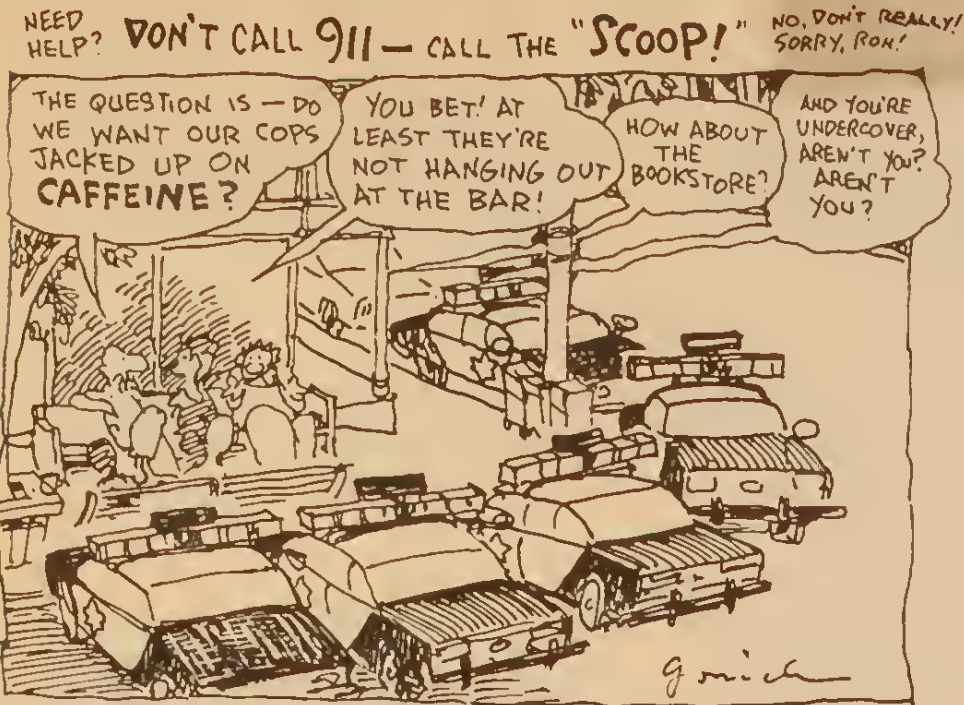
education, and immunization.

Caring for approximately 700 patients per month, the Potrero Hill center is one of nine clinics of The Community Health Network of San Francisco. It is funded by the Dept. of Public Health, with additional monies from the city general funds, various grants, the State, and reimbursements for Medi-Cal and Medicare. Most of its 25-member staff — which includes four dentists, five physicians, and a nurse practitioner — have been there for many years. Dr. Bob Ross, its first Medical Director, was with the clinic for several years until his death, and current Director Dr. Michael Drennan is in his 12th year there. Head Nurse Evita Mullins, a 10-year veteran, came to Potrero Hill from San Francisco General. A native of Nicaragua (Spanish is her first language, Tagalog and French are also spoken at the clinic) Mullins stresses that she really enjoys Potrero Hill and, "would not give up Potrero Hill for anything. I know most of the patients so everybody has a trust in you. I have

seen little babies who now have kids, and everytime they see me they say, 'You're still here?'"

Threatened with budget cuts in each of the past five years, the clinic's staff is fearful that the Dept. of Health will be forced to consolidate services, and that its Dental Program could conceivably be eliminated, in the same way its Podiatry Program was two years ago. It is one of only two clinics in San Francisco that offer adult dental care, and its patients can have their teeth cared for without shelling out a lot of money up front. As in the past, the Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board has been lobbying the city on behalf of the community to keep all services intact. These Board members have spent countless hours writing letters and making calls to protect the programs.

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Let's See Park Plans

Editor:

I have been a neighbor of McKinley Square for eight years. As a parent of two small children and a dog owner, I use the park on a daily basis. The park provides the play area and open space for my children and simultaneously the running and exercise area for my dog. Knowing what usage the park provides my family, we take extra care to keep the park clean, especially when our dog is concerned.

Over the last few years I have watched the controversy escalate over McKinley Square regarding the development and management as suggested by individuals and groups. I have remained neutral as I listened to opinions expressed at the park and articles read in **The Potrero View**. The acrimonious dialog between the sides and misinformation regarding everyone's intentions need to be cleared up now and place the maintenance of McKinley Square first.

The recent letter in The View, "Petition Scam?," illustrates the confusion and frustration that all of us feel toward the McKinley Square situation. I have been told personally by a founding member of "Friends of the Square" that he would like to cut down all the trees on the west perimeter on the upper level, remove the swings, slides and restrict dogs to the path below.

Many residents of the Hill have not attended the meetings conducted by Friends of the Square. In an effort to bring all sides together and place the park first, I suggest Friends of McKinley Square publish their plan for the park. Prior to distributing money for improvements, a plan should have been submitted to the Planning Commission for approval. To this date, I have not seen or read any formal plan for the development, improvement and maintenance of the park. Similar to the gentleman who signed the petition, many of us are misinformed.

Steven Lee
Vermont Street

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Elizabeth Saltos

Library Staff Important

Editor:

In Mayor Willie Brown's current campaign to turn City Hall into a public showplace rather than a working building for city services, he has pointed to the New Main Library as exemplar of an edifice that will take the public's breath away.

When the jury is finally in on the New Main, sure, an impressive building will be part of the verdict, but whether it is a successful library will depend on patrons finding what they want and need. And even with the New Main's state-of-the-art technology, that will ultimately depend on professional and helpful librarians and other library staff.

Mayor Brown: what will make San Franciscans feel good about City Hall --and city government-- will ultimately be city workers, as long as they are informed, courteous and helpful.

Beth Alexander
DeHaro Street

GETTING INVOLVED

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector) meets the first Thursday of each month (May 2) with members of the San Francisco Police Department, to discuss issues of public concern. The topic on May 2 was Police & Community Partnership -- for community-oriented policing & problem-solving." The next Forum will be on Thursday, June 6. All meetings take place in the Southeast Community Facility, downstairs, at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps, off Bayshore.

Potrero Hill Parents Assn. has no special events planned in May. For information about the full schedule of ongoing activities, call the PIIPA hotline, 241-8820.

Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board meets the second Monday of the month, May 13, from 6-7 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center at 1050 Wisconsin St. are open to the public. Current discussions continue to focus on creative strategies for coping with threatened budget cuts.

Potrero Hill Democratic Club meets the second Tuesday of each month (May 14). This month's meeting features a discussion of the recent S.F. Economic Summit to be led by Larry Florin from the S.F. Redevelopment Agency, at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro, at 7 p.m.

Starr King Park Board meets the second Wednesday of each month (May 8) in the Potrero Hill Library meeting room at 1616 - 20th St. at 7 p.m. Planning for the ongoing beautification of the area continues to be the primary focus of the meetings.

PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) meets the third Wednesday of each month (May 15). This month the group will address the proposed Embarcadero Roadway, as well as new developments in the Mission Bay project and the not-yet-finalized Downtown Ballpark plan.

Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants meet the last Tuesday of the month (May 28) -- this month with a difference. The annual installation of new officers: will be marked with a dinner at the Double Play restaurant at 16th & Bryant Sts. All are invited to join in, at \$23 per dinner, prepaid. Cocktails at 6:30, followed by dinner. For more info call 861-0345.

Friends of McKinley Square have an invitation for each of you: "Please join us for the third annual cleanup at McKinley Square, 20th and San Bruno Sts., Saturday, May 11; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tools and refreshments will be provided." For more info call Cathy, 641-5441.



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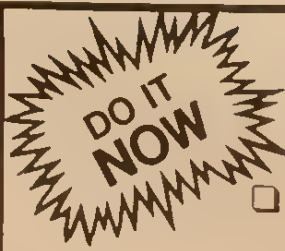
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Bike Trek Fundraiser

Editor:

I have a dream: to do something far beyond what I think I can; a life challenge that will extend my sense of limitation beyond my imagination. This dream will also achieve something spectacular in that it will positively benefit thousands of men, women and children - making major steps towards the healing of the disease of AIDS.

I have committed to riding my bicycle from San Francisco to Los Angeles this June, a journey of 525 miles in seven days, to 'break out' of my self-imposed limitations. I have also committed to raising 2,500 dollars in donations for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.



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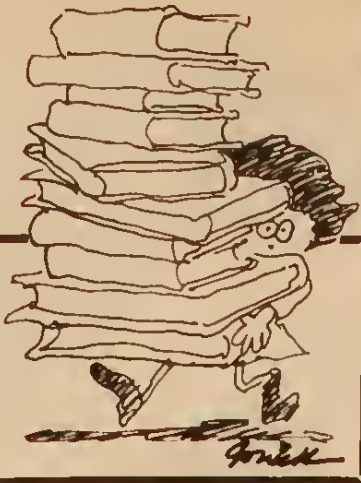
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NEW MAIN LIBRARY SPARKS DISCUSSION

As the New Main Library opening events come to a close, we want to use this space to urge you to visit the New Main, and to contribute your impressions, ideas and suggestions to the lively discussions now underway in San Francisco about the impact of the new library's resources and organization in meeting our various and collective needs as readers, information gatherers, and diversion seekers. Let the Library know what you think!

REACH FOR THE WORLD THIS SUMMER

This summer's San Francisco Public Library children's reading program carries the theme "Reach for the World." During the summer, children through age 13 may read or have read to them eight books and receive prizes at two-book intervals and a grand prize at the end. There will be a series of performances at each branch to enhance the program. Look for times, dates and places in next month's column.

HIGH WATER MARK FOR ARTISTS EXHIBITION

We estimate that this year's Potrero Hill Artists Exhibition reception for the artists drew approximately 300 artists and other celebrators. Were there enough hors d'oeuvres, liquid refreshments and music to satisfy them all? Yes! thanks to a long list of local merchants, community organizations and individuals who lovingly gave time, resources, funds, and an assortment of material items to make the opening a success.

We especially want to highlight the contributions of Mia Amato, John Connolly, Joni Eisen, Read Bennett-Eisen, Pat Haslett, Robert Kingsbury, Karen Larson, Marion Norberg, Mary Price, Richard Rockwell, Henri Marie-Rose, and Bernice Wong from Potrero Hill, and San Francisco Public Library staff and volunteers who helped make the evening a success. There were 116 works of art displayed at the exhibition this year.

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

On Saturday, May 4, at 4 p.m., noted award-winning children's author and Potrero Hill resident, Alma Flor Ada, will delight listeners with readings of her works, which include "The Rooster Who Went to His Uncle's Wedding," to help celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant-Toddler Lapsits are Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytimes are Thursdays at 4 p.m. The video, "Dr. De Soto and Other Stories," will be shown on Wednesday, May 10 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

* Ireland, Patricia. "What Women Want." NOW President gives overview

of women's rights issues in the current epoch.

* Seles, Monica and Nancy Ann Richardson. "Monica: My Journey from Fear to Victory." Monica Seles first picked up a tennis racket when she was six years old in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia. Tenacity and skill carried her into professional tennis at 15 and to the top of her profession at 17. She was forced out of the game at 19 when a deranged fan stabbed her. She had to overcome the violent attack, as well as her fear and depression, in order to play again.

* Winner, Karen. "Divorced from Justice: the Abuse of Women by Divorce Lawyers and Judges." Backed with facts and fascinating yet tragic real-life stories that illustrate her findings, former policy analyst and investigative writer Karen Winner shows how women are often financially defrauded and manipulated by their own attorneys, subjected to "dirty tricks" by opponent lawyers, and discriminated against by misogynist judges. Winner offers invaluable advice and guidance for women on how to protect themselves and their children.

* Palmer, Michael. "Critical Judgment." Dr. Abby Dolan worked at a major San Francisco hospital until she followed her fiancé to a small California town. In the E.R. there, Abby begins to see too many patients with too many unexplainable, symptoms, and begins to think that the citizenry is being slowly poisoned. The question is whether she will die proving she is right.

* Proulx, Annie. "Accordion Crimes: A Novel." An accordion maker and his 11-year-old son travel from Sicily to New Orleans, carrying with them his finest instrument. Within a year, the accordion maker is murdered, and his accordion ends up in a German-American immigrant community in South Dakota. This instrument takes the reader through nine separate, but connected immigrant communities across the United States.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

- * Bates, Arite Ann. "Ragsale"
- * Collington, Peter. "The Tooth Fairy"
- * Anderson, Joan. "Twins on Toes"
- * Branch, Muriel Miller. "The Water Brought Us: The Story of the Gullah-Speaking People"
- * Mead, Alice. "Crossing the Starlight Bridge"
- * Neuberger, Anne. E. "The Girl-Son"

Toba Singer
Potrero Branch Librarian



THE VIEW AT THE LIBRARY

If you are searching for a story that ran in the Potrero View a long time ago, take a look at the bound volumes at the Potrero Branch Library which contain every issue from the very first one in 1970 through December 1991. We will have more recent issues bound in the not-too-distant future, but in the meantime, check with the librarian who may have them on file.



TEN YEARS AGO
In The View

PROTEST NIXES HILL HELIPORT:

A "demonstration heliport" proposed for Pier 54 at China Basin was no longer considered for that site largely as a result of strong protest from Potrero Hill residents. The opposition was headed up by the St. Teresa's Parish chapter of the San Francisco Organizing Project (SFOP) and centered on concerns over noise and safety. The SFOP stressed that continued vigilance was still necessary to prevent similar proposals from surfacing in areas close to Potrero Hill.

LIBRARY REACHES OUT:

A new concept to interest people in books and reading, developed by the Potrero Branch Library staff, set up "shop" on the sidewalk in front of the Caleb Clark Health Clinic on Wisconsin Street. Staffed by Head Librarian Joan Jackson and Technical Assistant Lois Bailey, the "Travelling Library," displaying library materials and information on available services, was to appear in various locations on Potrero Hill on a continuing basis.

SENIOR NICARAGUA VOLUNTEERS MEET:

In a rare reunion at Potrero Hill's St. Teresa's Church, 50 "Elders for Survival," who had been to Nicaragua as volunteers to harvest coffee and aid in community projects, shared memories of their experiences. Hill resident Sarah Crome helped to organize the Elders' harvest brigade, which were raising money to collect materials and organize a crew to build a school for the 100 children living on the farm where the Elders had worked.

SYNANON SITE PLANS QUESTIONED:

Plans by Grosvenor Properties for a 145-unit development at the former Synanon site at 23rd and Kansas Streets were discussed back in 1986 at the second public meeting on the subject organized by Assemblyman Art Agnos' office. Neighbors of the proposed project voiced objections to the density of the rental housing and the plan that would "face into and focus on an interior courtyard which could isolate residents from the rest of the neighborhood."

THIS AND THAT:

The View editorial opposed a new feasibility study "to explore and lobby for" a new baseball stadium in the South of Market area . . . A ten-year history of the Pickle Family Circus (then headquartered on Potrero Hill) with text by Chronicle columnist Jon Carroll was published . . . Art collector and gallery owner Charles Campbell was profiled . . . The Swedish theater collective Jordeirkus performed to full houses at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House Theatre . . . The 31st annual Potrero Hill Artists show opened at the library . . . The Julian Theatre was offering playgoers dinner discounts at Potrero Hill restaurants . . . The current Sunset Magazine was touting Potrero Hill for its "stunning southern view of downtown San Francisco" and annual Artists Show . . . The Hill's Marcie and Walt Stack (the fabled septugenarian runner) had parts in the Bruce Dern movie "On the Edge" . . . Actor Tony Curtis turned up on the Hill to shoot a scene for "Spies," a television show . . . Garibaldi Cafe on 17th Street advertised: "Mexican food and drink at the bar and Irish songs on the juke box."

AND 20 YEARS AGO:

Two Potrero Hill residents were candidates for the 16th District Assembly seat: legislative staffer Art Agnos, and Kayren Hudiburgh of the Good Life Grocery.

— Vas Arnautoff



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Nabe Therapist Named Boxer Of-the-Year For N. Calif.

By Michael Joe

Paris Alexander, a behavioral therapist at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, was named Boxer of the Year by the Northern California Veterans' Boxing Association at their annual awards ceremony on April 13. He is next in line to fight for the vacated California lightweight title.

"It's always nice to be noticed by the people in your profession and sport," says Alexander, 32, who started boxing when he was 17, and has been fighting as a lightweight professional for 10 years.

But even though he is a ranked fighter, Alexander makes his primary living teaching and caring for developmentally disabled adults — mostly senior citizens — at the Neighborhood House. There he instructs classes in stretching, flexibility and relaxation.

Many people wear different hats. But in Paris Alexander's world, the juxtaposition of world-class boxer and caregiver pleasantly surprises most who know him in and out of his sport.

"I wake up in the morning, run five miles, go to work at the Neighborhood House and then, in the afternoons, go to the gym," says Alexander, describing his typical day.

"No other boxer I know does what he does for a living," said Sonny Marson, 51, his trainer and manager. "(But) he's such a positive person. There's nothing he can't do. He believes in himself."

Alexander, a native of San Francisco, was raised in the ghettos of East Oakland by a mother who stressed education above all. And he is well aware of boxing's history in disenfranchised communities.

"I grew up poor. But I didn't get into boxing to escape poverty. I did it because it was a passion. That in itself separates me from about 90 percent of other boxers," he says.

Alexander earned a psychology degree in 1986 from San Francisco State University. He then took a job caring for autistic children in Mill Valley, finding he liked therapy work. He has worked at the Neighborhood House for nearly seven years.

"This job puts life in perspective," he says. "In this society people are always worried about what kind of breaks they have, or how they'll get ahead. Some of these people take an hour to tie a shoe."

His clients have not experienced life as most have, he says. As part of his job, he and other staff take clients on planned field outings. For example, every Friday about 50 clients visit Park Bowl on Haight Street. "It's a chance for them to get out, a chance for a real life," he says.

Grasping an orange bowling ball, Alexander stands at the foot of lane No. 11. Next to him is Dickey Lee, 51, who is legally blind.

With a single, solid pat on Lee's back and a chant for confidence that can be heard three lanes to the left or right, Alexander hands the ball to Lee, who cradles it between his legs before it swings forward in a thud and-rumble.

"Good try," Alexander encourages.

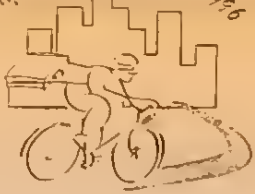
He has an infectious aura that energizes, a positive confidence you might expect of a boxer. But among his clients, his momentum — tinged with care — is a beam of light.



Teacher Paris Alexander does physical therapy work with clients in the program for developmentally disabled adults at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House.
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Fire Station Will Have New Interior in Old Shell

By Jeff Wood

The building won't look any different. The four-person crew will be the same size as it was before. And it will still house only one engine. But according to Captain Bill Shore of the City's Fire Department, Station 37 at the corner of Wisconsin and 22nd Streets will be "a new building, basically" when renovations that started this February are complete near year's end.

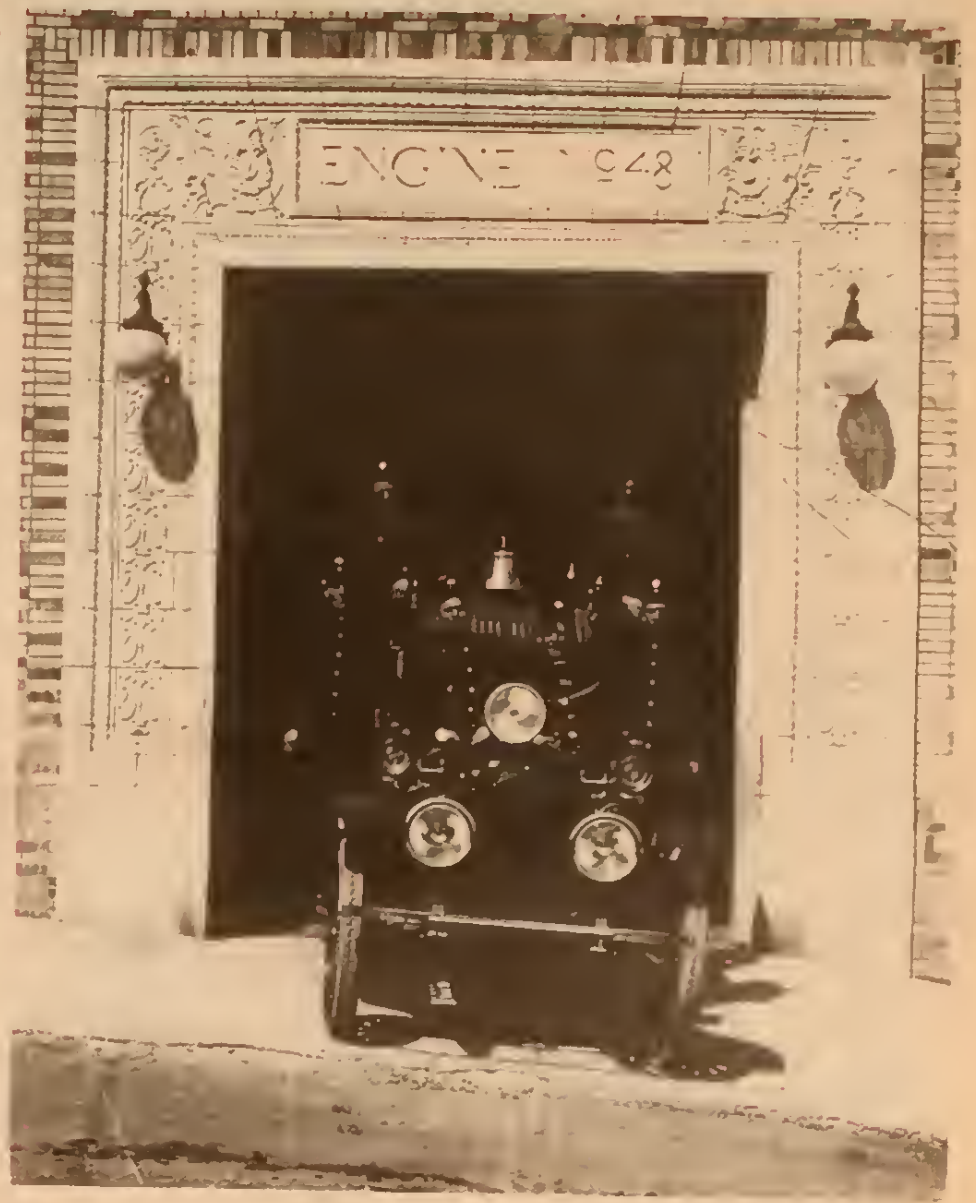
Because the site is registered as a historical landmark, its exterior may not be changed. Shore said crews will completely renovate the interior while "keeping the shell" of the two-story brick building at the corner of Wisconsin and 22nd Streets.

Some of the work will be simple repairs that would be performed on any aging building, such as new paint, plumb-

ing and electrical improvements and a new roof and a new generator. Other work reflects social, environmental and engineering advances since the building's construction: women's facilities will be added, asbestos will be removed, and seismic upgrades will be performed.

"Basically, it'll be a new station," said Captain Bill Shore, a spokesman for the Department.

The station was built in 1914. According to former City Archivist Gladys Hansen, who once led tours of the city's fire houses and is now with the San Francisco Historical Society, "It went up without much fanfare." After the 1906 earthquake she noted, "a lot of building was being done."



The firehouse at Wisconsin and 22nd Streets circa 1915.

RARE ALLIGATOR AT ZOO



A rare blue-eyed white alligator is visiting the San Francisco Zoo from May 23 through the end of August. The alligator, named Antoine LeBlanc, is on loan from the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans, where he was discovered by fishermen in the Louisiana swamplands in 1987. The eight year old male has smoky blue eyes and white skin, is "leucistic," a genetic mutation meaning there is no pigment in the skin. For more information on this "visitor," and others at the zoo, call 753-7080.

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Although in theory the center serves: Potrero Hill, many of its patients are residents of Bayview/Hunters Point and the Mission District, attracted to the Hill location because of its intimate, family-feel and personalized support. The Potrero Hill center also collaborates

with the Southeast and Castro/Mission Centers. Service does not depend on income or medical coverage. San Francisco residents have the advantage of various payment programs, administered on a sliding scale, starting at only \$5 per month, regardless of whether you require treatment once, or six times in a one-month period.

On July 9th, as part of a Breast-Cervical Program, the clinic is offering free on-site mammography for women over the age of 50.

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Activists, Business People Honored at Neighborhood House Fundraiser Emceed by Sheriff Mike Hennessey

By Vas Arnautoff

A convivial crowd of more than 200 neighbors and friends, residents of Potrero Hill and other communities, politicians and plain citizens, gathered April 20 at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House (Nabe) to eat, drink and honor two local activists and three business people and to support the venerable Hill institution.

The annual Nabe fundraiser, the theme of which was "Cultivating Unity," this year paid homage to Peter Firth, Bob Hayes, Robin and Joe Talmadge, and Susie Tompkins for their outstanding community spirit and involvement. The master of ceremonies for the event was S.F. Sheriff Michael Hennessey, who was introduced in welcoming remarks by Marylouise Lovett, president of the Nabe Board of Directors.

Peter Firth, a San Francisco native and longtime Potrero Hill resident, was introduced by his brother Jim. Now a commercial aircraft pilot, Firth helped build three schools and taught various subjects as a Peace Corps volunteer in Brazil from 1966 to 1968.

On Potrero Hill he's been active in various community organizations such as the Good Life Alliance and the San Francisco Organizing Project (SFOP). He also wrote for *The Potrero View*, mainly about attempts to locate a heliport on the waterfront below the Hill and on SFOP projects.

Two speakers made introductory remarks on behalf of Bob Hayes, a staffer

of the Nabe for the last 22 years. Ronald Hatter labelled Hayes a hero. "A hero is someone who changes peoples' lives. He changed mine," Hatter said. Kelly Collins lauded the Nabe veteran for his geniality, honesty and fairness.

Hayes himself, however, called for all the Neighborhood House staffers present to rise, saying of them, "We are a cohesive group — a family. These are the real heroes."

Robin and Joe Talmadge, both Potrero Hill natives and owners of the World Gym at De Haro and 16th Streets, believe in keeping well while doing good. They were introduced by Father Peter Sammon of St. Teresa's whose parishioners they are and who works out at their gym, though not as regularly as he should, he admits. "It creates a dilemma," the pastor quipped. "To whom do I confess when I've broken my vow to get down to the Gym?"

The Talmadges hold a fund raising car wash for the Nabe every year and match the proceeds. This year, they announced, they will triple the receipts.

Susie Tompkins, owner and co-founder of Esprit de Corp, one of the world's largest sports and casual wear manufacturers, was unable to be present, but Danny Kraus, speaking on her behalf, stated, "Susie and Esprit feel privileged to support the Neighborhood House." He recounted Tompkins' commitment to social causes ranging from AIDS awareness to art education for children, from helping to renovate the Nabe to creating (in 1979) the park at 20th and Indiana Streets.

Proclamations from the City were presented to the honorees by Kim Burton, Executive Director of the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council. Burton, a Hill resident for most of her life, recounted her days at Nabe as a child.

Choral selections by the Neighborhood House Youth Gospel Choir, led by Larry Byes, and expressions of thanks by Nabe

Director Enola D. Maxwell rounded out the program which was co-sponsored by the S.F. Giants organization.

Among public officials attending were Assemblyman John Burton and S.F. Supervisor Michael Yaki.

Music for dancing was provided by Harold Bradford's combo.

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The Potrero Hill Recreation Center at 801 Arkansas St., which has been closed for the past several months, re-opens this month after major renovations to the gym floors and walls and bathroom areas. Gym hours are noon-9 p.m., Tues through Friday, Saturdays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m., Mondays, 3-10 p.m. For more information, call 695-5009.

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The premiere of S.F. composer Jon Jan's "Island: The Immigrant Suite No. 2," will be featured in the Kronos Quartet's home season performances May 9, 10 and 11, at 8 p.m. at Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St. Written for the Kronos Quartet, Jan's work is inspired by the experiences of Chinese immigrants who were detained on Angel Island in San Francisco Bay while their applications to enter the U.S. were being processed. There will also be two free music programs for children May 8. For tickets and other info, call 621-7797.

Anti-rape activists are needed to support sexual assault survivors, at San Francisco Women Against Rape Crisis Counselor Training. For more info, call Jamie, 861-2024.

The Natl. Assn. of Letter Carriers will pick up non-perishable food donations in their annual drive to help feed hungry people in the city. Donations should be left near mailboxes on Saturday, May 11. Call Lydia Johnson at 957-1076 for more details.

Hill resident Daniel Bacon will appear as guest speaker at the S.F. History Assn's monthly meeting May 23, at the Cannery, Leavenworth and Beach Streets. He will present a slide show tracing the Barbary Coast Trail, an historical walking tour of early San Francisco. Bacon's newly published book, "Walking San Francisco on the Barbary Coast Trail," will be available for purchase and signing. Doors open at 7 p.m., and admission is \$5 for the general public.

Anchor Brewing Company owner Fritz Maytag will be honored by the Community Music Center at a "Salute to the Joy of Making Music," a benefit to be held at Le Petit Trianon, May 6, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The event will benefit the Community Music Center and Hill businessman Maytag who serves on the Advisory Council of the CMC. For ticket and other info, call 647-6015.

May is National Arthritis Month, and the Arthritis Foundation will be sponsoring several education forums in local communities during the month, which will be free and open to the public. For more info about the forums, programs and services, call 673-6882 or (800) 464-6240.



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The S.F. Vikings Soccer Club will be signing up children for their Fall season beginning May 11, starting at 9:30 a.m. Children of all skills and abilities from age five and up are invited to register. To receive applications or more info, call 753-3111.

Applications are available for the Annual Senior Citizens' Get-A-Way to Camp Mather, slated for June and August, 1996. Call Liz Gee, 666-7205 for info and registration, or Claudia Reinhart, 666-7015 for info only. Camp Mather is located near Yosemite, close to the Hetch Hetchy Dam.

The Community Music Center offers a free jazz concert May 19 at 3 p.m., featuring the Center's Jazz Band with special guest Jesse Foster. The CMC is located at 544 Capp St., between 20th and 21st Streets.

The Gray Panthers of San Francisco will host speaker Dr. Jim Kohn of the UCSF Institute of Health Policy Studies, May 21, from 1-3 p.m. at First Unitarian Church, Franklin at Geary Streets. He will discuss the present status of health care and what is being done to develop a national health care policy for the future.

The Joseph Chowning Gallery, 1717-17th St., features the paintings and drawings of Ken Waterstreet, May 11-June 13. A reception for the artist takes place May 11, from 2-4 p.m. Call 626-7496 for more info.

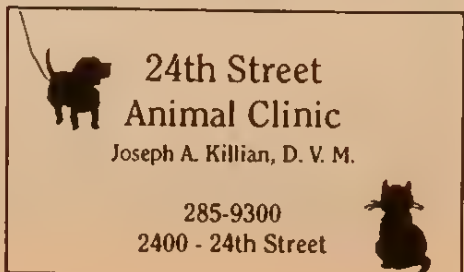


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Auditions for a Teen Summer Musical Theater Workshop will be held May 17, 4-7 p.m., and May 18, 1-5 p.m. at the Harvey Milk Center, 50 Scott St. Teen singers, dancers and actors are encouraged to audition. An Acting Workshop will be open to all participants. Students will work on two productions: "Bye, Bye Birdie," and "Hot & Cold." This program is sponsored by the Rec and Park Dept. of San Francisco. For info call 554-9523.

Hill resident and acclaimed jazz vocalist Madeline Eastman, who appears locally at The Ramp on China Basin, is actively associated with two summer jazz camps. June 22-29 Eastman and a star-studded cast of local jazz greats hold a Jazz Camp West in La Honda, Calif. And from August 4-10 she directs the Vocal Program at the Stanford Jazz Workshop at Stanford, Calif. For info on the Vocal Program contact Mad-Kat Records, P.O. Box 420253, S.F. Ca. 94142-0253. For the June camp write to Jazz Camp WEST '96, 765-61st St., Oakland, Ca. 94609 or call (510) 287-8880.

Asimakopoulos Cafe will host an art exhibition of Hanna Norman's works on paper, May 5-June 30. A reception for the artist will be held June 1, 1-3 p.m., at the restaurant, 288 Connecticut St. Norman is a S.F. Art Institute Master of Fine Arts who works and lives on Potrero Hill.

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Tee and Allyn from Christopher's Books are working to provide the gift of reading to students by presenting books as a graduation gift to students K-12 who are taking steps to improve their academic skills at Potrero Hill Neighborhood House and Back on Track Tutoring in the Western Addition. For more info call the Back on Track office, 346-9316.

The next production of the Multi-Ethnic Theatre (MET) at the Neighborhood House is "He Who Gets Slapped," by Leonid Andreyev. The play runs Wednesday through Saturday, May 22 to June 15, at 953 De Haro St. Call 550-8161 for more info and ticket prices.



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The treasure hunt is organized by private eye and Chinese New Year Treasure Hunt creator Jayson Wechter and San Francisco Chronicle columnist Jon Carroll. Players can come organized into a team of four or more traveling in a single vehicle, or enter singly and be paired up with others when they register, at \$35 per person.

All proceeds benefit the S.F. Mime Troupe, which organizers note is a hometown treasure which, due to federal funding cuts, needs help to keep its free summer show in the parks alive."

For all information call 285-1720.

HILL EXHIBIT



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JOE SAM. EXHIBIT



"Art on Potrero Hill: An Evening with JoeSam," on May 21 will include a Reading and Booksigning at Christopher's Books, 1400-18th St., 4:30-5:30 p.m.; a reception at Aperto Restaurant, 1434-18th St., 5:30-6 p.m.; and Meet the Artist at Collage Gallery, 1345-18th St., 6-8 p.m. Pins by the artist (as seen in photo) can be purchased at the Collage Gallery.

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Young Hip Hoppers Needed for Play



"Dreams," a new play by Ellis Berry, is scheduled to open locally this summer, with a plot concerning teenagers who want to dance professionally, but are hampered by a drug-oriented neighborhood.

Auditions for African American youngsters ages 10-16, and adults ages 35-50 take place Saturdays, June 1 and 8 at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St.

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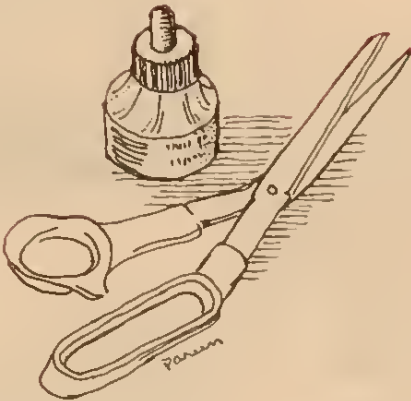
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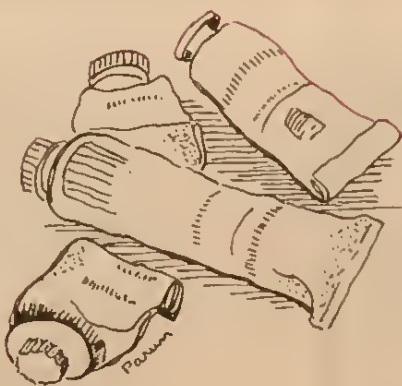
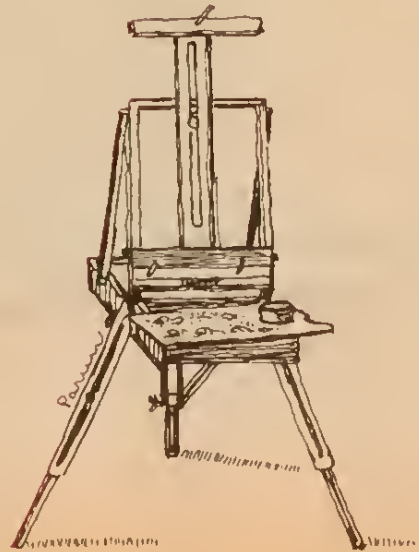
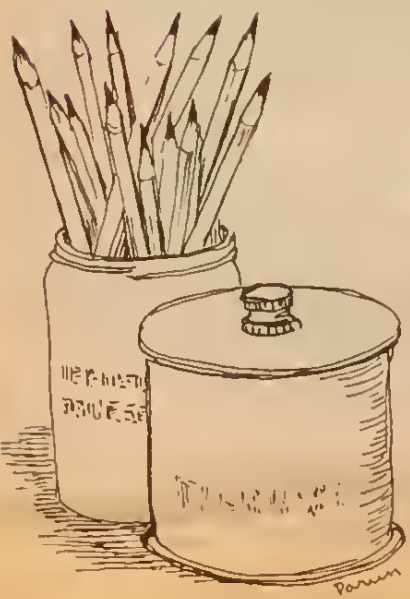
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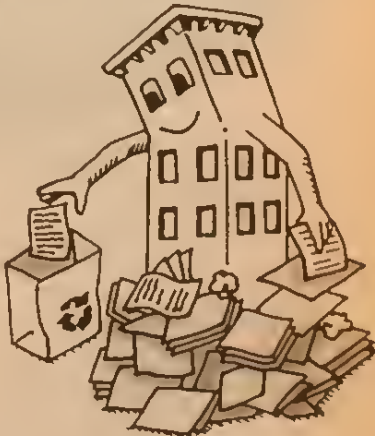
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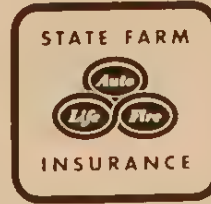
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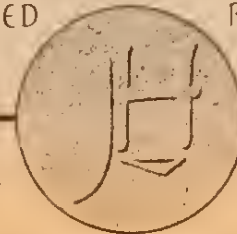
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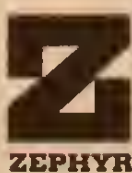
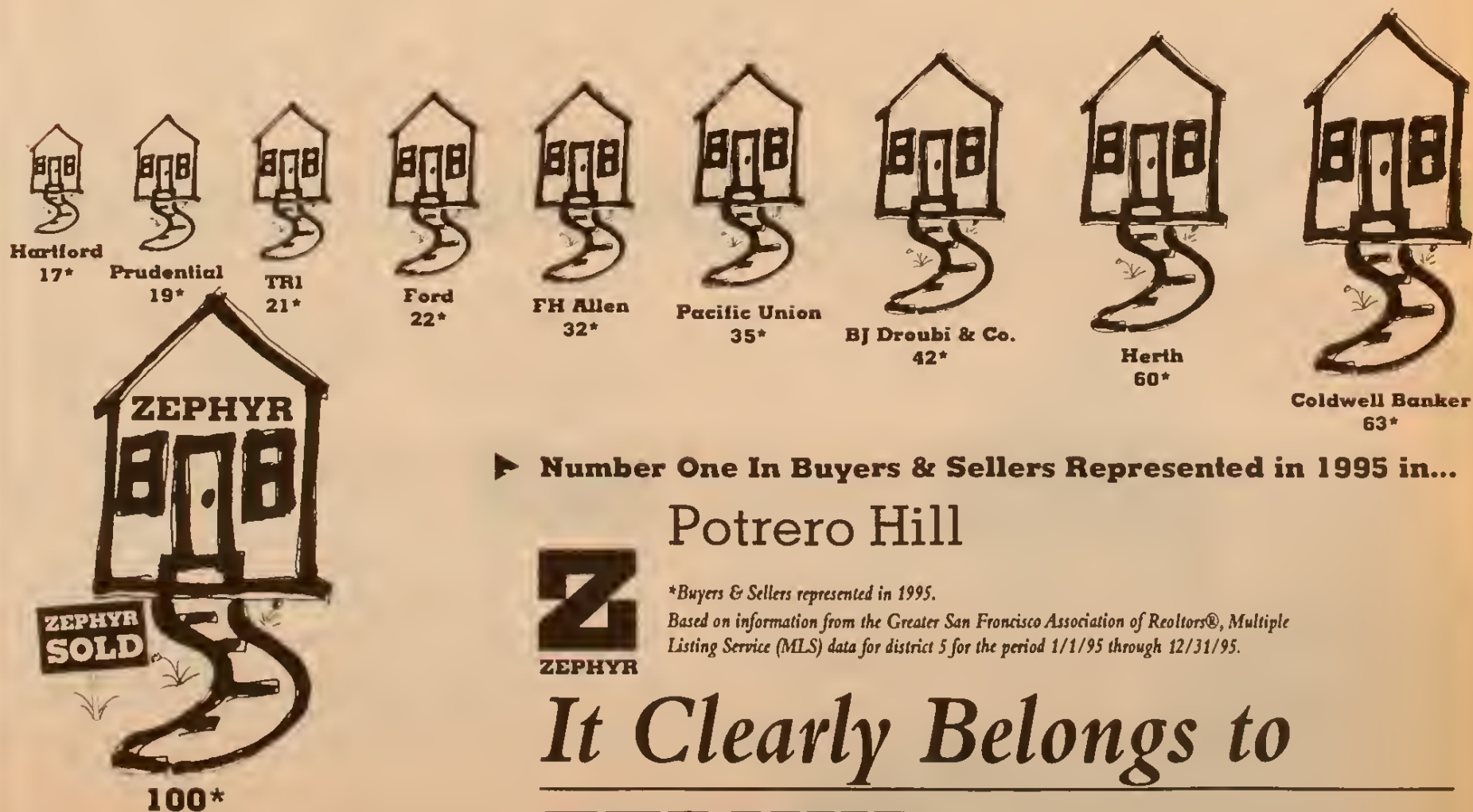
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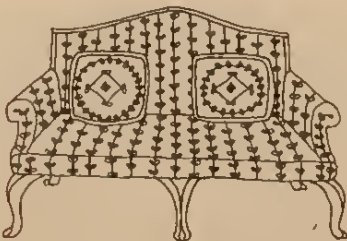
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